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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL

DURING US AMBASSADOR TO EC HINTON'S JULY 28 VISIT, GOI
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE DG FOR TRADE ACCORDS RAFFAELLO
TRIOLI MADE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST:

(A) US DENIM DUMPING: TRIOLI RAISED MATTER OF GOI DUMPING
CHARGES AGAINST US DENIM EXPORTERS AND EXPRESSED
HOPE FOR SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. AMBASSADOR HINTON ASSERTED
THAT US EXPERTS HAD CONCLUDED THAT UNDER-INVOICING APPEARED
TO BE AT HEART OF PROBLEM AND POINTED OUT TO TRIOLI THAT
SINCE DENIM WAS IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE US, THERE WAS NO RPT
NO LOGICAL BASIS WHATSOEVER FOR US DENIM MANUFACTURERS TO
SELL BELOW MARKET PRICES.

(B) MTN: TRIOLI INDICATED THAT THE GOI WAS PRE-
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OCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS

WHICH PRECLUDED AN ACTIVE GOI INTEREST IN THE MTN TOKYO
ROUND NEGOTIATIONS. ASSERTING THAT ITALY WAS STILL
SUFFERING FROM THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION, TRIOLI INDICATED
THAT THE GOI WAS LITTLE INTERESTED IN CONCESSIONS. HE
EXPECTED GREATER INTEREST IN MTN WHEN THE ITALIAN ECONOMY
PICKED UP IN 1977.VOLPE

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